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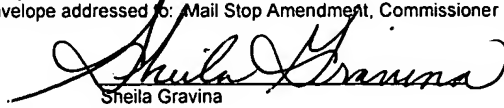
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2005, rejecting claims 1-10 and 12-14. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.